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The substance of the treaty is, as we understand it, as follows:

First, Peace between the United States and Mexico, and an armistice between the military commanders of the two countries during such time as the treaty shall be in suspense.

Secondly, Mexico agrees in consideration, &c., that the boundary between the United States and Mexico shall hereafter be from sea up the middle of the Rio Grande to the boundary of New Mexico, and thence in a line which (with some digression) is to run west (or nearly west) to the Pacific Ocean, and strike a point south of the port San Diego.

Thirdly, In consideration of this large cession of territory, the United States are to pay to Mexico the sum of fifteen million of dollars, and to satisfy all just claims of the citizens of the United States against the government of Mexico.

The treaty is understood to contain many provisions of detail; but does not, as we hear, include any provision, as has been reported, for the maintenance of a military force by the U. S. for a certain time in Mexico.

The treaty makes its appearance in a questionable form being concluded by Mr. Trist, as with full powers, after these powers had been withdrawn, or intended to be withdrawn, by the executive. It is understood, however, that the treaty, such as it is, will be submitted by the President to the Senate for its consideration. What will be its fate in that body we shall not undertake to predict. (National Intelligencer.)

The Washington Union has had a conversation with Mr. Frener, and regrets to learn from him that the patriotic son of Senator Webster—Major Edward Webster, of the Massachusetts volunteers—died between the 20th and 25th inst., at San Angel, about 8 miles from the city of Mexico, of the typhoid fever, which our thanks for Senate reports sent us, and also Mr. Frener tells us is unfortunately prevalent for other valuable documents.

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On the 16th of January, Col. Bankhead, with the regiment of Alabama volunteers, a naval 12 pounder battery, and two companies of Louisiana horse, started from Vera Cruz for Orizaba, to permanently occupy and garrison that point. General Cadwallader was in the quiet occupation of Toluca with his brigade. He had under court-martial several priests, accused of efforts to produce desertion among our troops. He was expected in the capital about the 5th, on business connected with his department.

Colonel Withers, at Real del Monte, was getting on smoothly in the collection of revenue arising from the silver mines in that country—his position controlling the mines in that region. Col. Clark marched for Guernavaca (from the city of Mexico) on the 1st inst., with a brigade composed of the first and 15th infantry, Georgia mounted battalion, and Lieut. Lovell's light battery, for the purpose of permanently occupying and garrisoning that point, which lies about 60 miles from the city of Mexico, on the great Acapulco road from the capital to the Pacific.

The Tennessee troops are garrisoning the post at the National Bridge, and a new volunteer regiment is in garrison at Puente San Juan, midway between Vera Cruz and the National Bridge. The brigade of Gen. Smith and Col. Williams's regiment of Kentucky volunteers are in the city of Mexico, maintaining an effective police. All attempts at disorderly conduct in the city had ceased.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

"The Union must be preserved."

PARIS, MAINE, FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

On Wednesday last a message was received from the President communicating the treaty of peace with Mexico to the Senate. On motion of Mr. Sevier, the Senate went into executive session on the treaty, and it was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The treaty was ordered to be printed. The doors were then opened.

In another column, under the head of Mexican news, will be found all the information in relation to the substance of the treaty that we have been able to glean from our exchanges.

DEATH OF HON. J. Q. ADAMS.

On Monday last, 21st inst., Hon. J. Q. Adams was seized with what was supposed to be an apoplectic fit, while in his seat in the House of Representatives. He was immediately removed to the Speaker's room, adjoining the Representatives' Hall—the House adjourning instantaneously—where he remained until his death, attended by Mrs. Adams and daughter. He died as we learn by the telegraph report for the Boston papers, on Friday. No particulars were added. A great man has departed.

Mr. Adams was 81 years of age, and has been in public life sixty-three years, having received the appointment of Secretary under Mr. Rush, Minister to Russia, when but 18, and remaining in the service of his country, in some capacity, almost uninterruptedly up to the hour of his death.

MAJOR EDWARD WEBSTER, of the Massachusetts Volunteers, youngest son of Hon. Daniel Webster, died of typhoid fever, at San Angel, eight miles from Mexico, the headquarters of General Cushing's brigade, between the 20th and 25th of Jan. Mr. Webster enlisted the first company of Volunteers for the war in N. England. Without having an opportunity to distinguish himself in battle, Major Webster has proved that he possessed a patriotic spirit, and has died in the service of his country to which he chose to devote his capacities.

FEDERAL PANICS.

The way the federal papers get up panics is well illustrated by the following. The factory at Augusta suspends operations. The Portland Advertiser thus notices it:

"The large cotton mill at Augusta, which is said to have obtained its water power cheaper than any other mill in the country, has suspended operations and discharged all hands."

"Why don't the Argus ask 'where's the ruin?' As we understand that this mill is controlled by prominent localities, it will probably not be said to be an attempt to 'ruin a panic'."

The federal paper at Sacramento upon the item and announces it in the following shape:

"The cotton manufacturing company at Augusta have suspended operations and discharged all hands."

The origin of all this ruin and suspension is told in a very few words by the Augusta Banner, and is as follows:

"Our Cotton Factory has suspended operations for three or four weeks in order to afford opportunity for putting in more machinery and making some alterations."

CONSISTENCY.—The whole whig party in the House of Representatives voted in favor of a proposition declaring the war with Mexico to have been "unnecessarily and unconstitutionally begun by the President." Yet when it was proposed to reduce this declaration to practice, and a proposition was made to withdraw our army from the country with which we are fighting this "unnecessary" and "unconstitutional" war, only a corporal's guard could be found to sustain the resolution. They dared not carry out their own declaration.

A session of the Probate Court for this County will be held at the Probate Office on Tuesday next.

Hon. W. B. S. Moore will please accept our thanks for Senate reports sent us, and also Mr. Frener tells us is unfortunately prevalent for other valuable documents.

REGENERATION OF MEXICO.

The great work of regenerating Mexico, is now commencing in good earnest. A correspondent of the N. Y. Jour. of Com., says:—

Education, sadly neglected as it is there, has received its first auspicious impulse through the combined action of Mexicans and Americans. The mass meeting held at Matamoros on the 9th of January, in which native civilians and American army officers harmoniously united in urging the establishment of a system of common schools—numerously as it was attended by Mexicans in their cathedral, a new as well as cheering era in the history of that benighted unfortunate race. It is indeed gratifying to see the schoolmaster treading so close upon the heels of the drill-sergeant.

Letters received by the secretaries of the American Tract Society, earnestly urge the sending of colporteurs and more Spanish publications to Mexico. The door is wide open there for receiving moral and religious, as well as political truth. A clergyman writes from Vera Cruz as follows:—

"Every facility is afforded me by our great men in power here, both in the army and navy. I preach three times every Sabbath; in the morning on board a U. S. government vessel, at noon in the National Palace, and in the afternoon in a regular church. During the week I visited the sick, of which there are nearly a thousand in the hospitals. The Spanish priests demand much labor in their malicious distribution, and indications justify the hope that they will be eminently useful. The poor natives accept them cheerfully, and the sick pay for them without hesitation. Within the last week, they have begun to call at my lodgings to procure copies of these works."

Some months since, a quantity of bibles and tracts were sent from New York to the order of a gentleman at Vera Cruz. Unfortunately he died before they reached that city. They were afterward taken and distributed among the Spanish and Mexican population, by a pious friend, who writes about them as follows:—

"The bibles and tracts were kindly received and gratefully acknowledged. The priests consented to have them circulated, after the Scriptures were examined and found to be free from note or comment. Large numbers of people continue to call upon me for bibles and testaments, but I regret to say, my stock is exhausted."

The American Tract Society has recently made another grant of 15,000 pages for Vera Cruz.

A third friend writes as follows from New Orleans:

"The subject of colportage in Mexico," he says, "manifests its importance before me, until I am almost afraid to act or write upon it. In the Lord alone is our hope. Vera Cruz, considering its connexion with the interior, is the most important place, and the best men should be sent there. I recently supplied a lady, who lives at Matamoros, with various books for the purpose of establishing a Sabbath school in that city. May Heaven prosper the enterprise."

It is gratifying to learn that two colporteurs are on their way to Vera Cruz, and as soon as competent men can be had, others will follow. To sustain its constantly extending operations as well as outlays, both at home and abroad, the Tract Society confidently relies upon an enlargement of public beneficence and Christian liberality.

The Premiums proposed by the Trustees of the Oxford County Agricultural Society for the ensuing year, will be found on the last page of to-day's paper; also the various Committees, and the rules to be observed by applicants for Premiums.

This number of the Democrat is printed on paper manufactured by Messrs. A. C. Denison & Co. of Norway. It is a good article, of much whiter and firmer stock, than the paper we have used for the past year, although not so heavy, and works beautifully. They manufacture all kinds of printing paper to order.

When we hear a wife boasting of her party, and yet seldom find one who does not, it reminds us of an old ball that stood many years ago about a mile from this village, which had a first rate head and tail, but no water.

GOD'S LAND'S BREAD.—The March number has a copy to hand, equaling in excellence any former issue. It is illustrated with seventeen engravings, some of them very fine; and contains a variety of tales, and other interesting reading that cannot fail to beguile the leisure hours of such as may be fortunate enough to possess the work.

NEW TERRITORIES COMING. There are four new territories looking at the doors of Congress for organization, viz: Nebraska, west of Missouri; Iaska, north of Wisconsin; Minnesota, west of the same; and another one not yet named on the extreme north-west borders of the Union.

A NEW GRAIN DISCOVERED. Leichardt, in his account of travels in Australia, says near Palm tree Creek I noticed a grass with an ear much resembling the branched wheat. With the exception of those ears that are cultivated, it had the largest seed I ever met with in grasses; even my black fellow was astonished at its remarkable size.

There are numerous cotton manufacturing factories in Mexico. In 1842, there were fifty three factories having 131,270 spindles, which consume about 3,000,000 pounds cotton annually being about two thousand pounds more than the production of that country at that time. The raw material can be produced in Mexico to a much greater extent.

MONEY MATTERS. A great change has come over the market within two weeks. Money has become oppressively plenty in England. The letters say that such is the want of "satiable" employment for capital that good bills are discounted at 3-4 if not at 3-2 per cent. So money, which was just now two or three times as dear in London as in New York, so dear indeed, that "good bills" were good for nothing in raising it, has now fallen to half price there which it bears here, and is quite accessible with all. The money borrowed here will therefore be paid up, and the borrowing will set in the opposite current, and this is likely to make quite a change in the immediate money relations of the two countries.

Gold, which was flowing out of England, is now flowing into that country too freely. The same is true here. Gold was flowing out, but now is only flowing in. The whole export of February will probably not exceed a quarter of a million of dollars, which a much larger sum will come in. The Banks have already increased their specie a million of dollars, and yet the exchanges are in favor of the Atlantic board over all the south and west.

Government six per cent. and Treasury Notes, which fall below par, have been buoyed up by the settling tide, and are going above par; so that either would now be taken in new issues at par, and the financing of the government is easy, if they can but manage the politics. [N. Y. Jour. Com.]

We learn that Leighton, of Bangor, indicted in the U. S. Court for pilfering in the post office at Bangor has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in the county jail in Penobscot. This was the lightest sentence which the law would permit and this leniency was extended by the Court on account of the previous good character sustained by the young man, and the feelings of sincere sorrow and repentance which he has manifested.

CUT YOUR GRAFTS. The season has now arrived when scions for grafting in the spring may safely be cut. The best way is, to cut them from bearing trees, so that you may be sure that the fruit is the kind that you want. If you wish to bring your trees into bearing quick, the scions should be cut from the ends of bearing branches, but if you are not particular on that point, they will answer from young and thrifty growing branches.

SINGULAR MALFORMATION. Dr. E. F. Clark of Portland, states in a newspaper that on a post mortem examination of the late Rev. Jason Whitman who died of pleurisy, the heart was found in the right cavity of the thorax, its apex inclined to the right;—the two lobes of the left lung filling the left cavity. The right lung had only two lobes, the place of the third being occupied by the heart. The liver was in the left side, its reversed form suiting to the left hypochondrium. The position of the stomach was reversed, the small end to the left, the large towards the right side;—the latter, with the spleen, occupying the usual place of the liver. The large intestines were in the left side of the abdomen, passing from the left to the right. The sigmoid flexure was in the right side. The great omentum was wanting. All the organs of the abdomen were healthy, but reversed.

COL. FREMONT. The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of commerce writes:

"The order in the case of Lt. Col. Fremont was promulgated last evening, after the mail closed."

"The President decides that the charge of mutiny is not fully established; but that the charges of insubordination, &c., are fully made out and justify the finding of the Court, whose sentence was disavowed from the service. The President approves of the sentence, but, in consideration of the character and services of Lt. Col. Fremont, he remits the sentence, and directs that Lt. Col. Fremont shall report himself for duty."

"Lt. Col. Fremont, as soon as the order was received by him, wrote and sent in his resignation."

SLAVERY IN MICHIGAN.—The following resolution has just passed the Michigan House, by a vote of fifty-two to three, viz:

"Resolved, That, whenever the government of the United States shall acquire any territory by conquest, cession, or purchase, in which Slavery shall not by law exist at the time of such conquest, cession, or purchase, it would be repugnant to the moral sense of this nation, and a violation of the clearest duty of Congress to permit the institution of Slavery, in any form, to be introduced therein."

ATLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD. We understand that a contract was made this week for laying the rails on the work to be finished by the first of June next.

The work of laying the rails (on the horizontal on continuous bearing principle) around the hill, has been commenced and will probably be finished without delay, and an engine will be put upon the track for the purpose of drawing gravel teams and doing other heavy work in the course of a week or two. [Portland Adv.]

Mrs. A. said a rugged urelin at a neighbor's door, "won't you please to darn my stocking, see those great holes there."

"Want me to darn your stocking? What for?"

"Why, you see, mother can't get time."

"Can't get time? Well, where is your mother?"

"Oh, she's gone to the Sewing Circle."

Truth is revealed to the humble and childlike, not to the proud and arrogant.

For the Democrat.

MR. EDITOR:—It may not be known to many of your readers, that within the last three months measures have been taken to establish in this Village a Literary Institution, to be under the charge of Mr. E. P. Hinds, the present able Principal of the "Norway Liberal Institute."

Although the initiatory steps were taken in December last, yet such was the alacrity and promptitude with which the enterprising inhabitants of our town engaged in this work, that great progress has already been made in the erection of the Institute building. The means for this purpose were obtained by subscription, in shares of \$25 each, every subscriber thus becoming a proprietor to the amount of his contribution.

At the several meetings of the Proprietors, By-Laws have been adopted, the necessary executive officers elected, and a plan for a building agreed upon.

This edifice is to be of brick, two stories high, 54 feet long by 32 wide, and 21 feet high, with a basement, and colonnade in front.

It will be completed by the first of June next, in season for the commencement of the Summer Term, unless some unforeseen obstacle shall interfere.

The site which has been selected for the location of the building, is the most eligible in the Village, being near its centre, upon the bank of the river and nearly opposite the Congregational Meeting-house.

It is not the design of the projectors of this Institution to make it a rival of any other, as there will probably be no other in its immediate vicinity.

The reputation which Mr. HINDS has established as a successful and popular teacher, during his short residence in this County, is an enviable one, and renders it absolutely certain that the Institution, so long as it remains under his charge, will deserve and receive the liberal patronage of the people of this County and State.

Some of the peculiar advantages which this locality affords for the establishment and support of a literary Institution like the one in question, will form the subject of a future communication.

South Paris, Feb. 25th, '48.

"SOLITARY AND ALONE."—Giddings, of Ohio, in the House, gave the solitary No against the resolutions presenting gold medals to Generals Scott and Taylor; and Hale, of New Hampshire, gave the solitary No in the Senate, against the resolutions of thanks to those officers.

THE WILMOT PROVISION AS A TEST. We notice, by reference to the resolutions passed at the "Vice Convention," that the democrats of New York, friendly to the Proviso, unequivocally disclaim the intention of making it a test in the Presidential election.

IRON SOLDIER. A new process has just been invented and brought into use in this city, by which wrought and cast iron and steel can be as easily soldered as tin, so that in a short time we shall have men rambling round after the manner of the travelling tinkers, bearing in their hands small furnaces, and making the air resound with "any iron ware to mend?" [N. Y. Express.]

THE MILLERIES are holding a protracted meeting at Le Roy, New-York. May next has been fixed upon by these people as the time for the Second Advent.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT. The senate of the Mississippi legislature have passed a bill appropriating \$5,000 for the benefit of the volunteers now in the field from that state. This amount was all the senate thought the house would agree to, but the house amended the bill so to appropriate \$15,000, and passed it three to one.

A Boston leader was brought up under the city ordinance for being found drunk in the street—the fine being one dollar for each offence. The fine he paid, and was again arraigned. "No you don't Judge," said he, "I know the law, one dollar for each offence, and this is the same old drunk."

The editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch has seen a beautiful copy of the Declaration of Independence, signatures and all, engraved upon one side of an American dollar!

Lieut. Burke, of the Barnaby engineers, has published a pamphlet, in which he states that one of the salt beds of S. India contains an area of 500 miles of salt of an average thickness of three feet, or a supply equal to the consumption of 100,000,000 of people for 1,500 years.

Five boys were recently subjected to the expense of \$75 in fines and costs, for breaking up a school in Ashfield, by putting the master out of doors. A man who stood by and contemplated the act, was obliged to pay about half as much as the boys.

DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION. Nantucket has sent a petition to Boston for a dissolution of the Union. She is already 30 miles out at sea; if she finds her moorings uncomfortable, she had better hoist a sail, and change her position. Worcester Palladium.

There is reason to believe that chloroform is used for the purpose of intoxication. The Boston Medical Journal says that the demand for it almost exceeds belief.

Horn may be softened by a degree of heat not exceeding that of melted lead, and may be afterwards moulded into any required shape.

ESCAPE FROM A BEAR.

There happened in Newry, in the western part of the State of Maine, a wonderful escape from a large bear, a year ago last summer. A gentleman had lost some cattle, and being absent from home, his son, a young man, thought he would go in pursuit of them. His younger brother wished to accompany him, but he persuaded him to remain at home. Following what he supposed to be a cow path, he pursued his way through a long piece of woods, until aroused by a rustling noise. Thinking it was the cattle, he proceeded in the direction of the noise—but what was his surprise to behold a large bear, looking steadily at him, growling, and evidently impatient to make him his prey. He had no weapon of defence.

His dog, Skip, his only companion, he encouraged to attack the bear, that he might have time to escape; but the dog was frightened at the furious appearance of the bear, and would not approach. The bear being irritated at the noise of the dog, flew at the young man, who then ran for a tree, the bear pursuing him, followed by the dog. The young man had just time to get out of the reach of the bear, although he pursued so closely that he raked the heels of his boot when she struck with her paw. He climbed so high, that after shaking her off four times, she walked sulkily away, and hid herself in plain sight of the tree. He waited about four hours, and not hearing of her, he descended the tree. Then he heard the same cracking in the bushes and was again obliged to take refuge in the tree, and called loudly for help but no help came. The sun had set, the birds had ceased singing, and nothing was heard in the lonely woods except the echo of his own voice. His situation was indeed painful.

His parents returning and finding him absent and noticing the appearance of the dog, which had just returned, concluded that something was the matter, they immediately raised the neighbors and went in pursuit. After diligent search at twelve o'clock at night they found him. He was so hoarse he could hardly speak, and was hardly able to answer their inquiries. They assisted him down the tree, and to get home. He was very feeble for three weeks, and says he never has been well since. There was no other tree within a hundred rods that would have saved his life. He had but a few moments to consider what course to pursue; and the courage, prudence, and presence of mind (under God's providence) which he exercised, undoubtedly saved his life. Time may efface, but never will remove the scars on the tree inflicted by the bear in endeavoring to reach his prey.

Argus.

STYEN FOREMOST. A tar growing sick of his business, deserted his ship, went into the country, and hired himself to a farmer. He was immediately set to ploughing with a yoke of oxen and an old mare called Jim. The suffer being wholly unacquainted with the management of the trucks, shafts and bowlines of blood mare and oxen, in his first attempt to put about missal stay, and by turning the yoke, threw Jim and the oxen all down in a heap together. Jack frightened with confusion, bawled out for help. The farmer asked "What's the matter?" "Matter! Matter enough," replied Jack—"The labourer ax has got on the starboard side—old Jim has got foul of the rigging, and they all went down stern foremost."

A SATISFACTORY VERDICT.—A case was recently submitted to a jury in this county, which for its novelty and happy result, deserves a place in "the reports."

It arose from the following circumstance: Two men, living near neighbors, had a falling out about a cow of one of the parties frequently getting into the inclosure of the other, and which finally resulted in the death of the cow, she having been set upon by dogs, and chased till she ran against a stump and broke her neck.

The case was submitted to jury of respectable and wealthy farmers. After hearing related all the circumstances, the jury made up their minds that the owner of the cow could not afford to lose her, and that the owner of the dogs was not able to pay for her; they therefore rendered the following verdict: "That the jury should pay the value of the cow, the magistrate took the party, and the constable pay the costs."

The verdict was immediately ratified and satisfied, to the great joy of the entire neighborhood.—Kentucky Democrat.

"YANKEES ARE HARD TO BEAT."—Mr. Briggs, of Lewiston, who contracted to build a bridge over the Androscoggin at Lewiston, intended to haul the stone for one of the abutments on to a rocky island in the middle of the river, during the winter, when the river is usually frozen sufficient to admit the passage of teams; but the mild weather has prevented the ice from forming of the usual thickness. He was desirous to avail himself of the late snow to haul the rocks, of which the abutment is to be built, directly on the island, and not be compelled to boat them over on the rapid current. To overcome this difficulty, he turned out his men in the night, shoveled snow on the track of the ice, and then threw water over it. This froze rapidly, and by following up the process, he has made a snow or ice track of sufficient thickness and strength to sustain six ox teams, heavily laden with stone. We learn that a large number of teams are now employed, and that the stone will all be upon the island in a week or ten days, ready for laying.—[Portland Adv.]

A CELESTIAL VISITOR. Professor Muller of Dorpat, is of opinion that the Comet of 1264 may be looked for this month. It made its appearance also in 1558, and was of great size and brilliancy. This comet is computed to pass out from the sun about twelve millions of miles, to exceed that of melted lead, and may be afterwards moulded into any required shape.

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The Picayune says, "There is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Trist, under the advice and sanction of Gen. Scott, has continued to exercise the function of negotiator, and that a paper, in form and substance a treaty of peace, has been signed, sealed and sent to Washington for approval. The terms of accommodation have in the main transpired. The terms of the present accommodation approach nearly the instructions prepared for Mr. Trist by the department of state in the first instance. Mexico is to receive, perhaps, a smaller pecuniary compensation, and the right of way across the isthmus of Tehuantepec is abandoned on our part. Our advice leaves us little room to doubt that the Mexican government and congress at Queretaro have already ratified the treaty. If this be so, we may regard a speedy advent of peace as a settled matter."

The substance of the treaty is, as we understand it, as follows:—

First, Peace between the United States and Mexico, and an armistice between the military commanders of the two countries during such time as the treaty shall be in suspense.

Secondly, Mexico agrees in consideration, &c., that the boundary between the United States and Mexico shall hereafter be from sea up the middle of the Rio Grande to the boundary of New Mexico, and thence in a line which (with some digression) is to run west (or nearly west) to the Pacific Ocean, and strike a point south of the port San Diego.

Thirdly, In consideration of this large cession of territory, the United States are to pay to Mexico the sum of fifteen million of dollars, and to satisfy all just claims of the citizens of the United States against the government of Mexico.

The treaty is understood to contain many provisions of detail; but does not, as we hear, include any provision, as has been reported, for the maintenance of a military force by the U. S. for a certain time in Mexico.

The treaty makes its appearance in a questionable form being concluded by Mr. Trist, as with full powers, after those powers had been withdrawn, or intended to be withdrawn, by the executive. It is understood, however, that the treaty, such as it is, will be submitted by the President to the Senate for its consideration. What will be its fate in that body we shall not undertake to predict. [National Intelligencer.]

The Washington Union has had a conversation with Mr. Freney, and regrets to learn from him that the patriotic son of Senator Webster—Major Edward Webster, of the Massachusetts volunteers—died between the 20th and 25th ult. at San Angel, about 8 miles from the city of Mexico, of the typhoid fever; which Mr. Freney tells us is unfortunately prevalent

among the troops. Capt. Barclay of the New York regiment, also died lately.

On the 16th of January, Col. Bankhead, with the regiment of Alabama volunteers, a naval 12 pounder battery, and two companies of Louisiana horse, started from Vera Cruz for Orizaba, to permanently occupy and garrison that point. General Cadwallader was in the quiet occupation of Toluca with his brigade. He had under court martial several priests, accused of efforts to produce desertion among our troops. He was expected in the capital about the 5th, on business connected with his department.

Colonel Withers, at Real del Monte, was getting on smoothly in the collection of revenue arising from the silver mines in that country; his position controlling the mines in that region. Col. Clark marched for Guernavaca (from the city of Mexico) on the 1st inst., with a brigade composed of the first and 15th infantry, Georgia mounted battalion, and Lieut. Lovell's light battery, for the purpose of permanently occupying and garrisoning that point, which lies about 60 miles from the city of Mexico, on the great Acapulco road from the capital to the Pacific.

The Tennessee troops are garrisoning the post at the National Bridge, and a new volunteer regiment is in garrison at Puente San Juan, midway between Vera Cruz and the National Bridge. The brigade of Gen. Smith and Col. Williams's regiment of Kentucky volunteers are in the city of Mexico, maintaining an effective police. All attempts at disorderly conduct in the city had ceased.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

"The Union must be preserved."

PARIS, MAINE, FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

On Wednesday last a message was received from the President communicating the treaty of peace with Mexico to the Senate. On motion of Mr. Sevier, the Senate went into executive session on the treaty, and it was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The treaty was ordered to be printed. The doors were then opened.

In another column, under the head of Mexican news, will be found all the information in relation to the substance of the treaty that we have been able to glean from our exchanges.

DEATH OF HON. J. Q. ADAMS.

On Monday last, 21st inst., Hon. J. Q. Adams was seized with what was supposed to be an apoplectic fit, while in his seat in the House of Representatives. He was immediately removed to the Speaker's room, adjoining the Representatives' Hall—the House adjourning instantaneously—where he remained until his death, attended by Mrs. Adams and daughter. He died as we learn by the telegraph report for the Boston papers, on Friday. No particulars were added. A great man has departed.

Mr. Adams was 81 years of age, and has been in public life SIXTY-THREE years, having received the appointment of Secretary under Mr. Rush, Minister to Russia, when but 18, and remaining in the service of his country, in some capacity, almost uninterruptedly up to the hour of his death.

MAJOR EDWARD WEBSTER, of the Massachusetts Volunteers, youngest son of Hon. Daniel Webster, died of typhoid fever, at San Angel, eight miles from Mexico, the headquarters of General Cushing's brigade, between the 20th and 25th of Jan. Mr. Webster enlisted the first company of Volunteers for the war in N. England. Without having an opportunity to distinguish himself in battle, Major Webster has proved that he possessed a patriotic spirit, and has died in the service of his country to which he chose to devote his capacities.

FEDERAL PANICS.

The way the federal papers get up panics is well illustrated by the following. The factory at Augusta suspends operations. The Portland Advertiser thus notices it:

"The large cotton mill at Augusta, which is said to have obtained its water power cheaper than any other mill in the country, has suspended operations and discharged all hands."

"Why don't the Argus ask where's the ruin?" As we understand that this mill is controlled by prominent local men, it will probably not be said to be an attempt to "raise a panic."

The federal paper at Sacramento upon the item and announces it in the following shape:

"The cotton manufacturing Company at Augusta have suspended operations and discharged all hands."

The origin of all this ruin and suspension is told in a very few words by the Augusta Banner, and is as follows:

"Our Cotton Factory has suspended operations for three or four weeks in order to afford opportunity for putting in more machinery and making some alterations."

CONSISTENCY.—The whole whig party in the House of Representatives voted in favor of a proposition declaring the war with Mexico to have been "unnecessarily and unconstitutionally begun by the President." Yet when it was proposed to reduce this declaration to practice, and a proposition was made to withdraw our army from the country with which we are fighting "this unnecessary and unconstitutional war," only a corporal's guard could be found to sustain the resolution. They dared not carry out their own declaration.

A session of the Probate Court for this County will be held at the Probate Office on Tuesday next.

Hon. W. B. S. Moore will please accept our thanks for Senator reports sent us, and also for other valuable documents.

REGENERATION OF MEXICO.

The great work of regenerating Mexico, is now commencing in good earnest. A correspondent of the N. Y. Jour. of Com. says:—

Education, sadly neglected as it is there, has received its first auspicious impulse through the combined action of Mexicans and Americans. The mass meeting held at Matamoros on the 9th of January, in which native civilians and American army officers harmoniously united in urging the establishment of a system of common schools—numerously as it was attended by Mexicans in their cathedral, a new as well as cheering era in the history of that benighted unfortunate race. It is indeed gratifying to see the schoolmaster treading so close upon the heels of the drill-sergeant.

Letters received by the secretaries of the American Tract Society, earnestly urge the sending of colporteurs and more Spanish publications to Mexico. The door is wide open there for receiving moral and religious, as well as political truth. A clergyman writes from Vera Cruz as follows:—

"Every facility is afforded me by our great men in power here, both in the army and navy. I preach three times every Sabbath in the morning on board a U. S. government vessel, at noon in the National Palace, and in the afternoon in a regular church. During the week, I visited the sick, of which there are nearly a thousand in the hospitals. The Spanish priests demand much labor in their judicious distribution, and indications justify the hope that they will be eminently useful. The poor natives accept them cheerfully, and the sick pay for them without hesitation. Within the last week, they have begun to call at my lodgings to procure copies of these works."

Some months since, a quantity of bibles and tracts were sent from New York to the order of a gentleman at Vera Cruz. Unfortunately he died before they reached that city. They were afterward taken and distributed among the Spanish and Mexican population, by a pious friend, who writes about them as follows:—

"The bibles and tracts were kindly received and gratefully acknowledged. The priests consented to have them circulated, after the Scriptures were examined and found to be free from note or comment. Large numbers of people continue to call upon me for bibles and tracts, but I regret to say, my stock is exhausted."

The American Tract Society has recently made another grant of 15,000 pages for Vera Cruz.

A third friend writes as follows from New Orleans:—

"The subject of colportage in Mexico," he says, "magnifies in importance before me, until I am almost afraid to act or write upon it. In the Lord alone is our hope. Vera Cruz, considering its connexion with the interior, is the most important place, and the best men should be sent there. I recently supplied a lady, who lives at Matamoros, with various books, for the purpose of establishing a Sabbath school in that city. May Heaven prosper the enterprise."

It is gratifying to learn that two colporteurs are on their way to Vera Cruz, and as soon as competent men can be had, others will follow. To sustain its constantly extending operations, as well as outlays, both at home and abroad, the Tract Society confidently relies upon an enlargement of public beneficence and Christian liberality.

The Premiums proposed by the Trustees of the Oxford County Agricultural Society for the ensuing year, will be found on the last page of to-day's paper; also the various Committees, and the rules to be observed by applicants for Premiums.

This number of the Democrat is printed on paper manufactured by Messrs. A. C. Davidson & Co. of Norway. It is a good article of much whiter and firmer stock than the paper we have used for the past year, although not so heavy, and works beautifully. They manufacture all kinds of printing paper to order.

When we hear a whig boasting of his party, and you seldom find one who does not, it reminds us of an old mill that stood many years ago about a mile from this village, which had a first rate head and fall, but no water.

GOD'S LAMB'S BOOK.—The Manx number has come promptly to hand, equaling in excellence any former issue. It is illustrated with seventeen engravings, some of them very fine; and contains a variety of tales, and other interesting reading that cannot fail to beguile the leisure hours of such as may be fortunate enough to possess the work.

NEW TERRITORIES COMING. There are four new territories looking at the doors of Congress for organization, viz: Nebraska, west of Missouri; Itaska, north of Wisconsin; Minnesota, west of the same; and another one not yet named on the extreme north-west borders of the Union.

A NEW GRAIN DISCOVERED. Lieut. Smith, in his account of travels in Australia, says near Palm tree Creek he met with a grass with a carmin resembling the black-wheat. With the exception of those cereals that are cultivated, it had the largest seed I ever met with in grasses; even my black fellow was astonished at its remarkable size.

There are numerous cotton manufacturing factories in Mexico. In 1842, there were fifty-three factories having 131,270 spindles, which consume about 3,000,000 pounds of cotton annually being about two thousand pounds more than the production of that country at that time. The raw material can be produced in Mexico to a much greater extent.

MONEY MATTERS. A great change has come over the market within two weeks. Money has become oppressively plenty in England. The letters say that such is the want of "satisfactory employment" for capital that good bills are discounted at 3-4 if not at 3-2 per cent. So money, which was just now two or three times as dear in London as in New York, so dear indeed, that "good bills" were good for nothing in raising it, has now fallen to half price there which it bears here, and is quite accessible with all. The money borrowed here will therefore be paid up, and the borrowing will set in the opposite current, and this is likely to make quite a change in the immediate money relations of the two countries.

Gold, which was flowing out of England, is now flowing into that country too freely. The same is true here. Gold was flowing out, but now is only flowing in. The whole export of February will probably not exceed a quarter of a million of dollars, while a much larger sum will come in. The Banks have already increased their specie a million of dollars, and yet the exchanges are in favor of the Atlantic board over all the south and west.

Government six per cent. and Treasury Notes, which fell below par, have been buoyed up by the insistent tide, and are going above par; so that either would now be taken in new issues at par, and the financing of the government is easy, if they can but manage the politics. [N. Y. Jour. Com.]

We learn that Leighton, of Bangor, indicted in the U. S. Court for pilfering in the post office at Bangor has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in the county jail in Penobscot. This was the lightest sentence which the law would permit, and this leniency was extended by the Court on account of the previous good character sustained by the young man, and the feelings of sincere sorrow and repentance which he has manifested.

CUT YOUR GRANTS. The season has now arrived when sions for grafting in the spring may safely be cut. The best way is, to cut them from bearing trees, so that you may be sure that the fruit is the kind that you want. If you wish to bring your trees into bearing quick, the scions should be cut from the ends of bearing branches, but if you are not particular on that point, they will answer from young and thrifty growing branches.

SINGULAR MALFORMATION. Dr. E. R. Clark of Portland, states in a newspaper that on a post mortem examination of the late Rev. Jason Whitman who died of pleurisy, the heart was found in the right cavity of the thorax, its apex inclined to the right—the two lobes of the left lung filling the left cavity. The right lung had only two lobes, the place of the third being occupied by the heart. The liver was in the left side, its reversed form suiting to the left hypochondrium. The position of the stomach was reversed, the small end to the left, the large towards the right side—the latter, with the spleen, occupying the usual place of the liver. The large intestines were in the left side of the abdomen, passing from the left to the right. The sigmoid flexure was in the right side. The great omentum was wanting. All the organs of the abdomen were healthy, but reversed.

COL. FREMONT. The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of commerce writes:—

"The order in the case of Lt. Col. Fremont was promulgated last evening, after the mail closed."

"The President decides that the charge of mutiny is not fully established; but that the charges of insubordination, &c., are fully made out and justify the finding of the Court, whose sentence was dismissal from the service. The President approves of the sentence, but, in consideration of the character and services of Lt. Col. Fremont, he remits the sentence, and directs that Lt. Col. Fremont shall report himself for duty."

"Lt. Col. Fremont, as soon as the order was received by him, wrote and sent in his resignation."

SLAVERY IN MICHIGAN.—The following resolution has just passed the Michigan House, by a vote of fifty-two to three, viz:—

"Resolved, That, whenever the government of the United States shall acquire any territory by conquest, cession, or purchase, in which Slavery shall not by law exist at the time of such conquest, cession, or purchase, it would be repugnant to the moral sense of this nation, and a violation of the clearest duty of Congress to permit the institution of Slavery, in any form, to be introduced therein."

ATLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD. We understand that a contract was made this week for laying the rails on the work to be finished by the first of June next.

The work of laying the rails (on the horizontal on continuous bearing principle) has been commenced and will probably be finished without delay, and an engine will be put upon the track for the purpose of drawing gravel trains and doing other heavy work in the course of a week or two. [Portland Advertiser.]

"Mrs. A." said a ragged urchin at a neighbor's door, "won't you please to darn my stocking, see those great holes there?"

"Want me to darn your stocking? What for?"

"Why, you see, mother can't get time."

"Can't get time? Well, where is your mother?"

"Oh, she's gone to the Sewing Circle."

Truth is revealed to the humble and childlike, not to the proud and arrogant.

For the Democrat.

Ma. Editor:—It may not be known to many of your readers, that within the last three months measures have been taken to establish in this Village a Literary Institution, to be under the charge of Mr. E. P. HINDS, the present Principal of the "Norway Liberal Institute."

Although the initiatory steps were taken in December last, yet such was the alacrity and promptitude with which the enterprising inhabitants of our town engaged in this work, that great progress has already been made in the erection of the Institute building. The means for this purpose were obtained by subscription, in shares of \$25 each, every subscriber thus becoming a proprietor to the amount of his contribution.

At the several meetings of the Proprietors, By-Laws have been adopted, the necessary executive officers elected, and a plan for a building agreed upon.

This edifice is to be of brick, two stories high, 64 feet long by 32 wide, and 21 feet high, with a basement, and colonnade in front.

It will be completed by the first of June next, in season for the commencement of the Summer Term, unless some unforeseen obstacle shall interfere.

The site which has been selected for the location of the building, is the most eligible in the Village, being near its centre, upon the bank of the river and nearly opposite the Congregational Meeting-house.

It is not the design of the projectors of this Institution to make it a rival of any other, where there will probably be no other in its immediate vicinity.

The reputation which Mr. HINDS has established as a successful and popular teacher, during his short residence in this County, is an enviable one, and renders it absolutely certain that the Institution, so long as it remains under his charge, will deserve and receive the liberal patronage of the people of this County and State.

Some of the peculiar advantages which this locality affords for the establishment and support of a Literary Institution like the one in question, will form the subject of a future communication.

South Paris, Feb. 25th, '48.

"SOLITARY AND ALONE."—Giddings, of Ohio, in the House, gave the solitary No against the resolutions presenting gold medals to General Scott and Taylor; and Hale, of New Hampshire, gave the solitary No in the Senate, against the resolutions of thanks to these officers.

THE WILMOT PROviso AS A "TEST." We notice, by reference to the resolutions passed at the Union Convention, that the Democrats of New York, friendly to the Proviso, unequivocally disclaim the intention of making it a test in the Presidential election.

IRON SOLDIER. A new process has just been invented and brought into use in this city, by which wrought and cast iron and steel can be as easily soldered as tin, so that in a short time we shall have men rambling round after the manner of the travelling tinkers, bearing in their hands small furnaces, and making the air resound with "any iron ware to mend?" [N. Y. Express.]

THE MILLERIES are holding a protracted meeting at Le Roy, New York. May next has been fixed upon by these people as the time for the Second Advent.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT. The senate of the Mississippi legislature have passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the benefit of the volunteers lying in the field from that state. This amount was all the senate thought the house would agree to, but the house amended the bill so to appropriate \$150,000, and passed it three to one.

A Boston loafer was brought up under the city ordinance for being found drunk in the street—the fine being one dollar for each offence. The fine he paid, and was again arraigned. "No you don't Judge," said he, "I know the law, one dollar for each offence, and this is the same old drunk."

The editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch has sent a beautiful copy of the Declaration of Independence, signatures and all, engraved upon one side of an American dollar!

Lieut. Burke, of the Bombay engineers, has published a pamphlet, in which he states that one of the salt beds of S. India contains an area of 300 miles of salt of an average thickness of three feet, or a supply equal to the consumption of 100,000,000 of people for 1,600 years.

Five boys were recently subjected to the expense of \$75 in fines and costs, for breaking up a school in Ashfield, by putting the master out of doors. A man who stood by and countenanced the act, was obliged to pay about half as much as the boys.

DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION. Nantucket has sent a petition to Boston for a dissolution of the Union. She is already 30 miles out at sea; if she finds her moorings uncomfortable, she had better hoist a sail, and change her position. Worcester Palladium.

There is reason to believe that chloroform is used for the purpose of intoxication. The Boston Medical Journal says that the demand for it almost exceeds belief.

Horn may be softened by a degree of heat not exceeding that of melted lead, and may be afterwards moulded into any required shape.

ESCAPE FROM A BEAR.

There happened in Newry, in the western part of the State of Maine, a wonderful escape from a large bear, a year ago last summer. A gentleman had lost some cattle, and being absent from home, his son, a young man, thought he would go in pursuit of them. His younger brother wished to accompany him, but he persuaded him to remain at home. Following what he supposed to be a cow path, he pursued his way through a long piece of woods, until aroused by a rustling noise. Thinking it was the cattle, he proceeded in the direction of the noise—but what was his surprise to behold a large bear, looking steadily at him, growling, and evidently impatient to make him his prey. He had no weapon of defence.

His dog, Skip, his only companion, he encouraged to attack the bear, that he might have time to escape; but the dog was frightened at the furious appearance of the bear, and would not approach. The bear being irritated at the noise of the dog, flew at the young man, who then ran for a tree, the bear pursuing him, followed by the dog. The young man had just time to get out of the reach of the bear, although he pursued so closely that she raked the heels of his boot when she struck with her paw. He climbed so high, that after shaking her off four times, she walked sullenly away, and hid herself in plain sight of the tree. He waited about four hours, and not hearing of her, he descended the tree. Then he heard the same rustling in the bushes and was again obliged to take refuge in the tree, and called loudly for help but no help came. The sun had set, the birds had ceased singing, and nothing was heard in the lonely woods except the echo of his own voice. His situation was indeed painful.

His parents returning and finding him absent and noticing the appearance of the dog, which had just returned, concluded that something was the matter, they immediately raised the neighbors and went in pursuit. After diligent search at twelve o'clock at night they found him. He was so hoarse he could hardly speak, and was hardly able to answer their inquiries. They assisted him down the tree, and to get home. He was very feeble for three weeks, and says he never has been well since. There was no other tree within a hundred rods that would have saved his life. He had but a few moments to consider what course to pursue; and the courage, prudence, and presence of mind (under God's providence) which he exercised, undoubtedly saved his life. Time may efface, but never will remove the scars on the face inflicted by the bear in endeavoring to reach his prey.

Argus.

STERN FOREMOST. A far growing sick of his business, deserted his ship, went into the country, and hired himself to a farmer. He was immediately set to ploughing with a yoke of oxen and an old mare called Jim. The sailor being wholly unacquainted with the management of the trucks, shafts and bowlines of his old mare and oxen, in his first attempt to put them missed stay, and by turning the yoke, threw Jack and the oxen all down in a heap together. Jack frightened with confusion, lawled out for help. "The farmer asked 'What's the matter?'"

"Matter! Matter enough," replied Jack—"The old barn ox has got on the starboard side—old Jim has got foul of the rigging, and they all went down stern foremost."

A SATISFACTORY VERDICT.—A case was recently submitted to a jury in this county, which for its novelty and happy result, deserves a place in "the reports."

It arose from the following circumstance: Two men, living near neighbors, had a falling out about a cow of one of the parties frequently getting into the inclosure of the other, and which finally resulted in the death of the cow, she having been set upon by dogs, and chased till she ran against a stump and broke her neck. The case was submitted to jury of respectable and wealthy farmers. After hearing all the circumstances, the jury made up their minds that the owner of the cow could not effect to lose her, and that the owner of the dogs was to blame to pay for her; they therefore rendered the following verdict: "That the jury shall pay the value of the cow, the magistrate treat the party, and the constable pay the costs."

The verdict was immediately ratified and satisfied, to the great joy of the entire neighborhood.—Kentucky Democrat.

"YANKEES ARE HARD TO DEAT."—Mr. Briggs, of Lewiston, who contracted to build a bridge over the Androscoggin at Lewiston, intended to haul the stone for one of the abutments to a rocky island in the middle of the river, during the winter, when the river is usually frozen sufficient to admit the passage of teams; but the mild weather has prevented the ice from forming of the usual thickness. He was desirous to avail himself of the late snow to haul the rocks, of which the abutment is to be built, directly on the island, and not be compelled to haul them over on the rapid current. To overcome this difficulty, he turned out his men in the night, shovelled snow on the track of the ice, and then threw water over it. This froze rapidly, and by following up the process, he has made a snow or ice track of sufficient thickness and strength to sustain six ox teams, heavily laden with stone. We learn that a large number of teams are now employed, and that the stone will all be upon the island in a week or ten days, ready for laying.—[Portland Advertiser.]

A CELESTIAL VISITOR. Professor Muller of Dorpat, is of opinion that the Comet of 1264 may be looked for this month. It made its appearance also in 1556, and was of great size and brilliancy. This comet is computed to pass out from the sun about twelve millions of miles, being more than double the distance of Neptune. Its period is 292 years.

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